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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON
LAW OF WAR

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1. ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF ESTABLISHMENT JAN. 15 OF PRG
LIAISON OFFICE ACCREDITED TO U.N. IN GENEVA, WE CONSIDER
PRG ISSUE WILL AGAIN BE EXTREMELY CLOSE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT
PARAGUAY AMBASSADOR TO BONN CAST DECISIVE VOTE LAST YEAR.
WE NOTE THAT, IN ADDITION, HE WAS GENERALLY HELPFUL AND IN-
TERESTED BOTH IN OUR SUCCESS ON THIS POLITICAL ISSUE AND
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IN SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF CONFERENCE. WE THINK THAT PARAGUAY'S

VOTE COULD AGAIN BE DECISIVE AT 1975 SESSION. WHILE WE APPRECIATE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON GOP, WE CONSIDER OUR SUCCESS ON PRG ISSUE MOST IMPORTANT AND THINK THAT PARTICIPATION OF PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO BONN IS AGAIN REQUIRED.

2. RE QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 3, RULES OF PROCEDURE (RULE 3) PROVIDE THAT, IN ABSENCE OF A CONTRARY INDICATION, CREDENTIALS, UNLESS WITHDRAWN OR SUPERSEDED, ARE VALID FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. AT FIRST SESSION, PARAGUAYAN REP WAS DR. ROQUE J. YODICE CODAS, PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO BONN. IF CODAS IS STILL IN BONN, NO NEW CREDENTIALS NEEDED. IF AMBASSADOR HAS CHANGED, THEN NEW CREDENTIALS WILL BE REQUIRED. IN THIS CASE, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT CREDENTIALS SIGNED BY EITHER HEAD OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT

OR BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BE SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY-GENERAL OF CONFERENCE (IN GENEVA) NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS AFTER THE OPENING OF THE SESSION.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR VOTING IN ADVANCE, BY PROXY OR BY MAIL.

4. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT PRG ISSUE WILL BE DISPOSED OF PROMPTLY AT THE BEGINNING OF CONFERENCE. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT GUARANTEE DATES, ONE COULD ASSUME THAT THIS WILL OCCUR DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS -- FEB. 3-14. KISSINGER

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